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April 2011

FROM THE EDITOR

with Philippa Ivory



I thought I would let one of the Mums from the trip to the Gold Coast tell you how it went.

"I was one of the incredibly lucky people to win the trip to the Gold Coast with you guys. It was a huge honour as I know

most of Christchurch has been through hell during and after the quake, and a large portion has stood up to the challenge of making our city safe and beautiful once more. Seeing how much support we have from Australia was overwhelming. The generosity and respect shown by the Australian sponsors, Australian residents, and yourselves was mind blowing, I know I shed a tear or two on numerous occasions when I was so completely overwhelmed by the kindness.

"Going around the field for the lap of honour and seeing 21,000 people standing, clapping and holding up their drinks for us, even after so much time has passed, was so touching – I can't find the words to describe how emotional I felt during and after it, it was completely surreal.

"It was such a wonderful experience for both the adults and the children, and to be honest I have not seen my son that happy since before the earthquake – the things you had planned for us were much more than any of us expected, and the kindness you and the other hosts showed us through the trip was amazing!

"There were so many things that contributed to the success of the trip, to the point that when I ask my son what his favourite thing was, he can't decide and instead rattles off 10 different things that happened. His main high points seem to be "Walking around the grass with everyone clapping at me waving" and "seeing all the cool things at Sea World." It was very difficult to get him to leave!

"Seeing him and the other kids so happy after all they have been through was truly amazing and we owe it all to you and the others that made this all possible.

"We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the opportunity, the trip as amazing as it sounded to begin with, was so much more than we expected it to be. It was a once

in a lifetime opportunity and we will keep it with us for the rest of our lives – I honestly can't say how much it has touched our hearts. I wish you all the best for the future, and will forever be an avid supporter of your company, and the amazing things you do."

It was humbling for us to be able to accompany these lovely people on this trip. They talked calmly about how things are in Christchurch today, with homes destroyed (for some, more than once), port-a-loos in their streets, impassable roads, liquefaction ruining their sections, the fear engendered by after-shocks and the sadness for those who have gone and the gap that they leave. Despite this they were determined to keep going and we are grateful to everyone who helped make this event possible.



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Cover: First group from Christchurch arrive on Gold Coast. Photo Scott Fletcher /Gold Coast Bulletin

“Our game has a lot to be proud of.”

with Jim Doyle



This has been such a busy month it is hard to know where to start. Early in the month we completed our Community Camps, and it was very pleasing to see numbers were up even in places we went in 2010.

We have also nearly completed the last of our Game Plan updates, letting everyone know how we are progressing. The feedback has been extremely positive and people have acknowledged that we are making a difference, taking the game to another level and making good progress as we deliver on our Game Plan.

During the month we held two formal 'Dog Tag' presentations, one for those Kiwis who attended our Life Members and Museum Committee meeting here in Auckland and another on the Gold Coast where we were able to catch up with a number of past Kiwis who are now based in Queensland. We also held a less formal event in the sheds after the test match and awarded both Lewis Brown (Kiwis No. 762) and Matt Duffie (No. 765) with their dog tags.

While the Kiwis were in camp we spoke with them about the importance of test football and you may have read in the Sunday Star Times that Benji Marshall was quoted as saying, "We've got to be on the same page as the management team, and Jim kindly went through everything with the team, and how we affect what is happening and what we need to be conscious of and that really hit home to me. It's all about what we're trying to do for the future."

It is very heartening to see that they understand how important they are to the big picture which is

the further growth and development of the game here in NZ from the grassroots up.

We have confirmed that we will have Home and Away tests against Australia each year, excluding World Cup year. This year they were to be Christchurch and Newcastle, next year they will be Christchurch and a venue to be confirmed.

In another exciting development we are working with the ARL/NRL to take the 2015 Anzac test to Gallipoli, Turkey to acknowledge the 100 year anniversary of the WWI battle there.

This year's test build up was very positive, and although we didn't win, the players held their heads high and fought on to the end. They were very disappointed with the number of errors, which pretty much lead to all of Australia's tries. However the feedback we received from the players regarding their week in camp was extremely positive and over time I know we will secure as many wins as losses against our great foes Australia.

Finally this month we took 250 people from Christchurch, amongst them rugby league families, Police, Fire and St Johns Ambulance workers, and members of the clean up teams and their families and to see the test live on the Gold Coast. We really can't thank our sponsors including Jetstar, the Queensland government, and the many hotels, along with NZRL volunteers enough for their support. Seeing the families smiling, hearing stories of their difficulties at home and just how much of a positive effect this trip was having on them was overwhelming. Our game has a lot to be proud of.

Jim



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COMMUNITY CAMPS PROGRAMME FINISHES ON A HIGH

The NZRL Community Camps programme finished on a cold wet school holiday Monday in Dunedin.

By the time the camps had finished an incredible 2,262 children had been offered a range of wonderful opportunities including: the chance to meet Warriors players; to meet and interact with Kiwi legend Ruben Wiki; to see the World Cup & Four Nations trophy and have their photo taken.

They'd been given important messages about staying sun safe and using sunblock, keeping hydrated, and the importance of starting the day with a healthy breakfast.

The children had warmed up and cooled down with their idols and taken part in all kinds of fun skills and drills as appropriate for their age. They'd run and passed, kicked and tagged, and a few had even given the old favourite tug of war a good go.

Then they'd finished their day out with something to eat and been acknowledged for their efforts with a giveaway pack put together by the Warriors and the NZRL.

Hundreds of volunteers gave their time around NZ to assist Zone and NZRL staff with everything from setting up and packing down, to preparing breakfasts and cooking huge batches of porridge and sausages on BBQ's, to running the skills and drills. Our thanks to them all.

In each area the referees did double duty, passing out brochures to encourage more people to become match officials while at the same time providing cup security.

Where ever possible the NZRL also ran a free Mini Mod course at the camp and 278 parents completed this programme in 2011.

Anyone fortunate enough to have attended a

camp will know that it is a wonderful day for everyone involved, the children are enthusiastic, positive, talented and benefit greatly from the whole experience.

The messages they receive both overtly and also by following the example of those they look up too are important not only in relation to their league but also to their lives. The Community Camps are an integral part of the NZRL's Strategic Plan and message that it is 'More than just a game.'

Community Camps 2011

	Coaches	Children
Greymouth	*0	120
Rotorua	9	170
Northland	**0	218
Taranaki	17	100
Palmerston North	35	165
Christchurch	Postponed	
Waikato	18	137
Auckland	10	50
Gisborne	24	161
Hastings	17	100
Hutt City	18	150
Counties Manukau	50	240
Tauranga	28	302
Greymouth	30	153
Nelson	10	87
Invercargill	12	53
Otago	***0	56
Totals:	278	2262

* Fun Day as part of Miners Solidarity weekend, camp with course followed.

** Courses to follow now local Coaching & Development Officer appointed.

*** Not offered as week day camp.



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NZRL COMMUNITY CAMPS 2011



Taranaki children enjoy some warm food.



Northland Referees with cups and referees brochures on a sunny day in the north.



Hardy Dunedin volunteers prepare porridge on the BBQ.



A cold and wet Ruben Wiki presents the giveaway packs.

"Hi Ruben, Thank you for your amazing efforts yesterday at the Roots camp in Invercargill.

Before yesterday we have seen you receive all the pats on the back for your outstanding success on all of your wonderful achievements during your stellar career and quite rightly so. You are obviously an amazing player and inspirational leader of people.

After watching you yesterday run round with the kids for hours in the mud and the rain during the camp and then stand out and do all that signing and doing photographs with all of the league folks there is no doubt the NZRL has got the right man to be such a fine ambassador for your sport.

Thanks again for coming down this way and for being you. We wish you the best of success and happiness with your work in League in the future."

Kind regards, Paul.



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RUGBY LEAGUE NORTHLAND MAKING WAVES

By Rob Wakelin, Rugby League Northland

Rugby League Northland continues its impressive entry into the local sporting scene with the commencement of Richard Koroi as its Participation and Growth Development Officer and the launch of two new grades at the weekend.

With support from Sport Northland's Kiwisport fund, the Development Officer role is timely as its initial focus is on the re-establishment of age group football in the North which has been absent for some time. Other key targets of the role are to establish and deliver a coach education framework to local coaches and to re-establish a college rugby league competition later in the year.

Richard Koroi was born and bred in the Hokianga, attending Horeke Primary School and Okaihau College before moving to Auckland to study Sport and Recreation. He played age-group and Bartercard Cup rugby league in Northland, professional rugby with Counties-Manukau and currently plays with local side the Hokianga Pioneers. Richard is married to Jaeme and has two children.

It's exciting to have Richard on board. Richard's own story of growing up in Northland, following his dream of playing sport, returning home to raise his kids then finding a role working in sport pretty much captures the story we want to tell our young people of how sport can open many doors. That, with Richard's own engaging personality is sure to see him succeed in this role.

Koroi has had no time to settle in, with Rugby League Northland having a successful launch of two new grades – 15s and 17s – on Sunday. Thirteen new teams from Takahiwai to Kaitia have taken the field across the two grades, almost double the target.

We know this age group in Northland wants to play rugby league, it is a case of showing some leadership right from last year with the creation of our Game Plan that gives our clubs something definitive to aim for. The work our clubs have done in their own communities is phenomenal and illustrates just how popular rugby league is becoming.

On a local level we are promoting a message that as well as pursuing your dreams on the field, it is important to back it up with education and wellbeing off the field – illustrated by our relationship with Northtec. The traction Rugby League Northland has had to date is far beyond our expectations and bodes well for league establishing a real stronghold in the north. With the Whangarei City and Districts Senior Competition expanding this season, the new age grades hitting the field and a record turnout at the NZRL Community Roots Camp in February, rugby league is buoyant in Northland.



Rob Wakelin (left) and Richard

KIWISPORT PROGRAMME HITS GROUND RUNNING By Marcus Reynolds, Upper Central

In January 2011, with the help of a number of partners the Upper Central Zone appointed its first KiwiSport Officers to grow the game through school based participation. Our goal was to promote Rugby League to the students in a safe, fun environment and over the course of the programme strengthen the school-club link to provide a sustainable answer to growth. Following the conclusion of Term 1 we are extremely happy with the uptake of our Rugby League programme.

The methods of delivery have included:

- A six week after-school programme
- In-school taster sessions
- Six week lunchtime Rugby League
- The Rugby League programme replacing PE classes
- Inter-school League Tag tournaments
- NZRL Community Days
- Sport BOP organised Fun 4U Days (Bay of Plenty)
- Attending RST organised give-it-a-go days (Waikato)



Term 1 Statistics - Bay of Plenty

- 2817 Primary & Intermediate aged children participated in the BOP KiwiSport programme
- 44 Secondary school students participated in the programme
- 2861 school aged students in total
- 2093 of the participants had never played any form of Rugby League before
- 177 volunteers were involved in the programme
- 76 of the volunteers were put through their Mini-Mod coaching certificate

As the Bay of Plenty KiwiSport Officer was required to start from new and make contact with all schools himself in-school taster sessions became our primary form of marketing for the after-school programme in terms 2, 3 & 4. Judging by the uptake for the after-school space, the schools have seen the value in what Upper Central Rugby League can provide. Both areas have done a wonderful first up job and we expect to see the numbers continuing to grow in the next three terms.

Term 1 Statistics - Waikato

- 2218 Primary & Intermediate aged children participated in the Waikato KiwiSport programme
- 618 Secondary school students participated in the programme
- 2836 school aged students in total
- 1587 of the participants had never played any form of Rugby League before
- 182 volunteers were involved in the programme
- 76 of the volunteers were put through their Mini-Mod coaching certificate

OTAGO RUGBY LEAGUE UPDATE By Grant Milne, Otago Rugby League

Otago Rugby League is on it's way back and there are four pioneering teams in their winter competition. The winter competition of 2011 follows on from a seven team spring 2010 competition which ended a two year hiatus for league in Otago.

Traditional club South Pacific Raiders are being coached by Otago's premier coach David Reedy and after four games the benefit of Reedy's input is evident. The athletic men from the Raiders play well structured attack and consistently manipulate the defence and find tired defenders. The Raiders are unbeaten in their four matches and have amassed a 136 point differential.

Raiders are able to vary their games to opposition, and conditions playing it tight when needed and shifting the ball wide seamlessly with excellent ball players.

Kia Toa Tigers have suffered just the one loss, to Raiders, and with their fitness improving each week will become a worthy adversary for the front-running Raiders.

Harbour Seals are a momentum team that is certainly very dangerous at stages through their games.

University are winless after four rounds. A small team in stature they are building toward their first win.

Each week from the two games a dream team is named by a guest selector. Below is the Best team based on the guest selectors from four games this season.

1. Reece Vaitupu (Raiders)
2. Alan Manu (Raiders)
3. Graeme Cashmore (Raiders)
4. Kenneth Hemopo (Raiders)
5. Makisua Tanuvasa (Raiders)
6. Ryan Tapsell (Tigers)
7. Tamati Davis (Raiders)
8. Koben Katipa (Tigers)
9. Thomas Ellery (University)
10. Jermaine Stone (Raiders)
11. Shane Unahi (Tigers)
12. Callum Smith (Raiders)
13. Manassah Kutia (Raiders)
14. Tyler Schreurs (University)
15. Tom Bywater (University)
16. Rocky Pohatu (Raiders)
17. Emmanuel Matapo (Seals)



Seals (in red) v Raiders

Photo: Teakura Moetaua / Media Sport

KIWIS BATTLE ON DESPITE INJURY

The Kangaroos' dominance of the Anzac Test continued as they stayed in the grind and eventually prevailed on the back of the Kiwis' generosity to win an often enthralling battle 20-10 at Skilled Park in Robina on Friday night.

After Kiwi winger Matthew Duffie had scored on debut in the 26th minute the two sides kept going at each other without either wilting. For 42 minutes, the score remained 10-6 in Australia's favour, both defending resolutely, if not bravely, in the face of constant fire. This was Test football of the classic variety.

The Kiwis did little to help their cause by turning possession over too often in the second half, and generally at the wrong end of the field as well.

Yet, for all that, they found ways of repelling the Kangaroos through inspirational defence, no example better than Simon Mannering's stunning effort to cut down Idris when he seemed certain to score right on halftime.

Ultimately, though, the error rate became too much



for the New Zealanders to counter. As courageously as they defended, handling lapses hurt them with all four Australian tries resulting from Kiwi mistakes, three of them directly so.

Unfortunately the Kiwis were down to 16 players after the opening minute when prop Sam Rapira dislocated his left thumb and they were even worse off when they were forced to survive the last 23 minutes with only two fit players on the bench after loose forward Jeremy Smith had to leave the field with knee trouble.



The Kangaroos put the contest to bed by jumping to a 20-6 advantage before conceding a wonderful try by fullback Lance Hohaia. It owed much to some earlier work, most notably halfback Kieran Foran magnificently picking up a low pass, making a sharp break and dinking a kick infield off the outside of his right foot to give Hohaia an opportunity he seized.

It wouldn't be enough. Now the Kiwis will have to wait until the end of season Test in Newcastle and the Four Nations to follow in the United Kingdom.

Kangaroos 20 (Billy Slater 2, Jharal Yow Yeh, Jamal Idris tries; Johnathan Thurston 2 conversions).

Kiwis 10 (Matthew Duffie, Lance Hohaia tries; Benji Marshall conversion).

Halftime: 10-6 Kangaroos.

Referee: Richard Silverwood (England).

Crowd: 26,301.



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PLAYERS VISIT CHRISTCHURCH TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

World-Cup winning New Zealand Captain Nathan Cayless and NRL stars Chase Stanley, Sam Perrett, Anthony Cherrington, Nu Akeripa and Glen Turner (one time local junior now Welfare Manager at Canberra Raiders) visited Christchurch ahead of last Friday's VB Test. The NZRL, NRL, ARL, NSWRL, QRL and Gold Coast Titans joined forces with Jetstar and NRL sponsor, IHG, to assist in bringing to the Gold Coast 250 members of the Rugby League community and emergency workers from Christchurch, the original venue for the match. After a series of activities among schools and communities they accompanied the group to the Gold Coast in time for Friday's Test match.

"The devastation caused by the Christchurch earthquake has been widespread and it has certainly hurt all the junior league clubs in the area," said Nathan Cayless, who has taken a week off from his job to be part of the trip. "Anything we can do to help clubs, schools and the community in general get back on their feet is something I am proud to be part of."



"Yesterday several NRL players spent time with a variety of children and their parents at ChCh Hospital. The players were fine ambassadors for the code and were naturals when interacting with the children and their families. Their presence was a great boost to everyone they met."

I was told by a mother that her son hadn't smiled for a few days and that she wouldn't be able to wipe his new found smile of his face for days after he met Glen Turner from the Raiders who presented him with a signed jersey.

Could you please pass on our thanks to Nathan, Chase, Sam, Anthony, Nu and Glen for their time and the boost that they provided to everyone they met."
Kind Regards Michael



Photos courtesy: Courier Mail/Jeff Camden



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TRIP OF A LIFETIME FOR CHRISTCHURCH FAMILIES



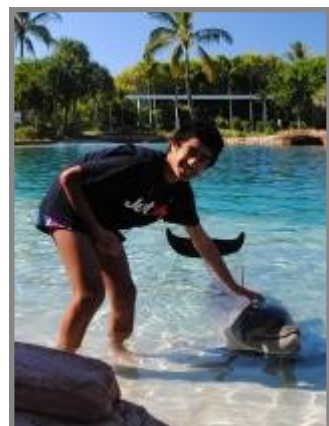
When the Gold Coast Titans heard the test would be moved to their patch following the February Christchurch earthquake, they thought they'd bring 20 - 30 affected people across to the game. Eventually this grew to 250 people from Christchurch and a further 250 from flood affected North Queensland. Thanks to their generosity and that of many other organisations including: NZRL, NRL, ARL, Jetstar, Australian Timeshare & Holiday Ownership Council and Sea World the tour party had what many have described as the trip of a lifetime.



TRIP OF A LIFETIME FOR CHRISTCHURCH FAMILIES



Trip highlights included attending the filming of the Footy Show at Jupiter's Casino; lunch at Northcliffe Surf Lifesaving club with the Titans and some of their stars including Kevin Gordon and Sam Tagataese; being interviewed, photographed and filmed by Channels 7 & 9, NBN, ABC TV and radio, our own Sky Sport and TV3, the Gold Coast Bulletin and Courier Mail; tickets to the test match and a lap of honour for the emergency workers; a trip to Sea World with lunch and dolphin encounter included; a tour dinner hosted by the Titans with entertainment and Steve Price speaking; a pre match BBQ with Titans staff, our own NZRL Patron Sir Peter Leitch and surprise guest Sean Hoppe and the Warriors v Titans game.



Three hotels, the Radisson at Carrara, Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn provided the first night's accommodation for the early arrivals and some ten different resorts generously provided rooms to accommodate the whole group for a further three nights. The bus company Con-X-ion spent the four days picking up and dropping off the busy travellers, and the Gold Coast Titans and NZRL made sure they were fed and entertained.

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LIFE MEMBERS GATHER FOR PRESENTATIONS

Life Members and members of the Museum committee along with invited guests were at Rugby League House on Sunday May 1.

The morning started with Trevor Maxwell, NZRL President giving a short update on the expansion of the Rugby League Museum. He was followed by Jim Doyle, NZRL CEO with the Game Plan update which covered the progress made in 2010 and the focus for 2011.

Newly elected Life Member John Bray was then inducted. Bray, Kiwi No.428, played for Hornby, Christchurch, Canterbury, the South Island and two tests for the Kiwis before going on to a lengthy career in administration.



Following the success of the Kiwis dog tags, the NZRL decided to update the Life Members recognition and each Life Member was presented with a personalized Life Members badge and coin.

Then Stephen McIvor and Jim Doyle presented the past Kiwis amongst the group with their Kiwi dog tags.

Everyone then broke for lunch and a chance to catch up, before they made their way to Mt Smart to watch the Warriors play the Penrith Panthers (Warriors won 26 – 18).



Along with the formalities there was a lot of laughter as the past players continued old rivalries, discussing who might have been 'after' whose position on the field as far back as the 1960's.

There was a lot of positive feedback about the new look, newly expanded museum, with the World Cup and Four Nations trophy holding pride of place and about the progress being made to grow and improve the game of Rugby League both on and off the field not only in 2010 but also going forward.



NZRL LIFE MEMBER RECEIVES MNZM



In a follow up to last months story, here Jim Campbell receives his MNZM, from the Governor General the Right Hon Sir Anand Satyanand.



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Moved from its usual May date, it will feature runners from 17 Canterbury clubs and all club supporters are encouraged to get along to cheer their runner on.

The first horse race is at approximately 5.40pm and the players will run the track at about 7pm. Entry is free and there will be 10 horse races throughout the evening.



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Howick Hornets Jubilee. Come Join the Celebrations! Friday June 10 - Mix and Mingle, Saturday June 11 - Jubilee Dinner, Sunday June 12 - Family Fun Day. For a registration form to join the Hornets as they celebrate their 50 years please email hornets50th@gmail.com or call Annette 027 476 2075. They'll also be selling t-shirts, polos and hats from the clubrooms and they have a Facebook group.



Annual General Meeting Notice: NZ Universities and Tertiary Students Rugby League would like to invite all interested parties to their AGM. This will be held at 3pm on Friday June 10, 2011 at Pelorus Trust Sports House, Hutt Park Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt. For more information and the agenda see our website here www.nzrl.co.nz/nzrl-associates/nz-universities.



NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES



The National Secondary Schools Rugby League tournament kicks off in Auckland in August. If you'd like your school to be a part of this, please visit our website and get all the information you'll need including dates and the registration form. In an exciting development, this year the tournament will be televised via a highlights package on Sky TV. Visit our website here www.nzrl.co.nz/national-secondary-schools to find out more and to get involved.



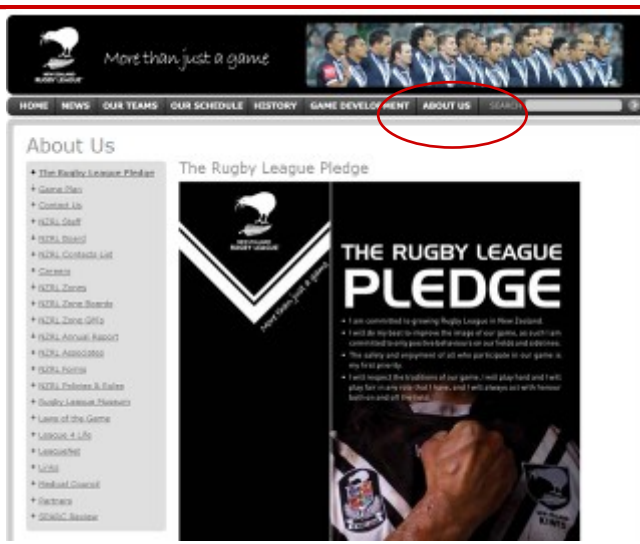
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FAMILY & COMMUNITY



NGARUAWAHIA RL CLUB JOINS ELITE GROUP

By Janet Haggie, Life Member

This year the Ngaruawahia Rugby League Football Club joins an elite brotherhood of Rugby League centenarians in New Zealand.

Thanks to the efforts of Messrs Sampson, Sprague, and Brigham, the club was founded in 1911 and is one of the oldest league clubs in New Zealand and certainly the oldest in the Waikato region.

Only New Zealand Rugby League, New Zealand Maori Rugby League, Auckland Rugby League, Ponsonby United Rugby League, and Auckland Rugby League Referees, have 'beaten us to the draw' so to speak, and only by the barest of margins.

Secretary Sampson and President Sprague were members of our Senior side, and Brigham was the Auckland Rugby League Chairman at the time.

He was the advocate sent down from Auckland to try to get this new 'northern union rules' (i.e. Rugby League) game introduced to other parts of New Zealand.

The meeting in Ngaruawahia involved representatives from Huntly, Taupiri, and Rangiriri as well.

These four clubs actually formed themselves into a Lower Waikato District League, with the intention of applying to Auckland Rugby League for affiliation.

Reg Sprague was our first Kiwi, in 1911.

In 100 years of existence, we have never failed to field a Senior team, even during the war years!

In the early days, games were played on a Taupiri paddock, the cemetery reserve and cricket ground

and Paterson Park in Ngaruawahia and thanks to local support on September 2, 1943, the Ngaruawahia Rugby League club had its own home.

The club's colours have always been black and white, with hoops in the beginning, then black with a white V.

The Kiwis had the same colours, mostly plain black with a white collar. There have been 14 Kiwis from our club to date, as well as a good number of school-boy Kiwis, and our club has been well represented in the NZ and North Island Maori, Waikato Maori, NZ Universities, Northern Districts, Waikato, including Cougars, Waicoa Bay, and Warriors Under 20s squads.

In earlier days our reps played for South Auckland, before our area was renamed Waikato.

A new clubroom was opened in 1961 to commemorate the club's 50th Anniversary. The club now boasts two playing fields, impressive clubrooms, and netball & tennis courts.

Our Schoolboys division became self sufficient in 1958, before that they were part of the controlling senior body.

Of course having freehold management of such a big area to maintain always placed a huge financial strain on administrators, with the upkeep of the playing area a particular burden.

It was somewhat alleviated in February 2002 when the Waikato District Council agreed to a 20 year lease of the property, with a right to deem it to be a public park, and so take over the maintenance of all the common areas of the said park, i.e. playing fields, fences, ablution block, in keeping with the rest of the parks in Ngaruawahia which it controls.





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NGARUAWAHIA RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Celebrating 100 years, 1911 - 2011

Jubilee - Friday 21 - Sunday 23 October 2011

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During Labour Weekend in 2011, the Ngaruawahia Rugby League Football Club will celebrate its 100 year Jubilee since its establishment in 1911.

Overall the Jubilee celebrates all facets of the club and the sport of Rugby League past, present and future by recognising:

- Players – Schoolboys to Premiers;
- Membership (with a special focus on founding and life membership);
- Family;
- Support affiliations (such as Old Boys, Masters, basketball, netball etc);
- Pride, commitment and contributions;
- Achievement and excellence;
- Development and sustainability;
- Associations – club, community, regional, national and international.

Please forward this registration form to all past, present & future members.

JUBILEE EVENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

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- Site Provisioning - Trevor Cairns and Co.
- Commemorations & Exhibitions – Kelly Bailey & Gregory (Bossy) Mabbett
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- Entertainment – Michelle Tahu and Janet Falwasser
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100 YEAR HISTORY OF THE CLUB

We are looking for interesting stories and photos about your life with the club.

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MEMORY OF NZ LEGEND LIVES ON By Richard Harvey, Fraser Coast Chronicle

When Howard's Lil Butterfield lost her husband to leukaemia seven years ago, New Zealand lost one of its greatest ever rugby league players.

John "Jock" Butterfield, Kiwi No. 355, was a member of the New Zealand Rugby League Team of the Century (at Hooker) and hundreds of young Aussies paid tribute to him in Torbanlea.

Young players from Burrum, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Childers and Bundaberg ensure Butterfield's name continues to live on when they contest the annual Jock Butterfield Day in games from under-7 to under-16.

Butterfield, a hooker, played 99 games, including 36 Tests, for New Zealand between 1954 and 1963. Only Gary Freeman (46), Stephen Kearney (44) and Ruben Wiki (41) have passed Butterfield's record of 36 Test matches while no one is likely to ever pass his tally of 99 games.

During his career, Butterfield scored seven tries, including one on his debut against Great Britain in 1954 at his beloved Wingham Park in Greymouth (his home town and where his ashes were scattered). He also played in three World Cups, France (1954), Australia (1957) and Great Britain (1960).

In 1964 he moved to Australia and played nine games for Manly in the then New South Wales Rugby League competition. After his playing days ended, Butterfield, who moved to Howard in 1982 (inland from Hervey Bay, Queensland) and coached Leeton, Cloncurry and Mount Isa.



Brothers player Ryan Gould does his best to run away from a tackle in the game against Wallaroos during the Jock Butterfield Day junior rugby league carnival in Torbanlea. Photo: Nat Bromhead

NEW Zealand rugby league legend, Howard's Jock Butterfield, passed away seven years ago but his wife Lil still loves to talk to him and she couldn't wait to tell him about how great the day was when 310 young players gave it their all in his honour in Torbanlea.

Players from Burrum, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Childers and Bundaberg contested the annual Jock Butterfield Day in games from under-7 to under-16.

The Hervey Bay Seagulls won the overall trophy while three clubs, Wallaroos, Wests and Rovers, finished equal second. Lil Butterfield said she was sure her husband, who was inducted into the New Zealand Rugby League Legends of League in 2001, didn't need her to tell her how great the day had been.

"I am sure Jock already knew," Lil, who presented the trophy at the end of the day, laughed. "He would have been watching – there is no doubt about that."

Lil said her husband, who was 72 when he died, had been really touched that an Australian club (Burrum Miners) had organised an annual event in his name.

"He felt really humbled by it to be honest," she said. "He couldn't get over that an old Kiwi was going to be honoured by hundreds of young Aussies."

"That made him feel really special, Jock may be gone but he's certainly not forgotten. I think that's fantastic and so will he."

SPY'S LIFE WAS AN ENIGMA

By Neil Reid, Sunday News

Behind every great man there's a great woman, and in Kiwi league legend Ces Mountford's case, the saying couldn't be more accurate. Mountford's widow Edna has been recognised for her work as a World War Two code-cracking spy – a job her late husband knew little about because for more than 50 years Edna was sworn to secrecy.

"I wish he had have known, really. He could have shared it with me," Edna told Sunday News from her home in Robina on the Gold Coast. "He [Ces] had been in a nursing home for three years so that was pretty hard really. He got an MBE from the Queen [in 1990] so it would have been nice [to share the award]."

Mountford, who died in July 2009, aged 90, is regarded as one of New Zealand's greatest league figures. He had a glittering playing career with English super club Wigan before returning to New Zealand to manage and coach the Kiwis from 1972 to 1982.

For six years Edna, was among a group who eavesdropped on German radio communications to decipher the Nazis' Engima machine codes used by the German army to send encrypted messages. Their effort was only widely publicised when the movie, *Enigma*, starring Kate Winslet, was released in 2001.

War-time British Prime Minister Winston Churchill said their breakthrough helped cut the war in Europe short by up to two years.

Wigan-born Edna said her family knew she was somehow involved in the war effort but she made it clear to them that they weren't to ask exactly what she was doing. Like other code crackers, she had to sign the Official Secrets Act. She maintained her silence until the late 1990s, finally giving some hints when she was watching a TV documentary on the code with her son Kim.

By day Edna worked in a radio station in Wigan, by night she would complete seven-hour stints deciphering German codes from the sanctuary of the third floor of her home. "In the top storey we got good reception. That is where I worked," she said. Edna said she was proud her work had been recognised, even though it was 64 years after the end of the war. Churchill said we were 'his geese that laid the golden eggs that never cackled'. We never cackled, so 60-odd years of history were lost for Bletchley Park," she said. "Even now, the people in England don't know much about it. I didn't tell anybody, really."



Edna Mountford, above, during World War Two, and below, with her medal.



Story first published Sunday News, December 20, 2009. Edna Mountford passed away on the Gold Coast May 2, 2011.

KIWIS AND SPONSOR KOOGA SPREAD WORD AT GOLD COAST SCHOOL

Kiwi captain Benji Marshall was on enemy territory when he joined coach Stephen Kearney, team-mates Lance Hohaia, Nathan Fien and Lewis Brown plus legend Ruben Wiki on a Kooga-sponsored school visit before the test match.

The sextet was at Palm Beach Currumbin High School, a fierce rival for Marshall's Keebra Park State High School when he was mapping out a future that would take him to sporting stardom.

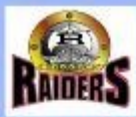
Palm Beach Currumbin High produced injured Kiwi winger Sam Perrett as well as St George Illawarra's Darius Boyd and Melbourne back rower Kevin Proctor who was in contention to make the Kiwis for the Anzac Test at Skilled Park. Ben Hannant, on the bench for the Kangaroos on Friday night, also went to the school.

As an ambassador for the Kiwis' apparel sponsor KooGa, Marshall and his colleagues spent an hour in front of more than sixty pupils studying rugby league in Palm Beach Currumbin High's sports excellence programme. Among the students was Perrett's younger brother.

The Kiwi contingent fielded a full range of questions – many about Friday night's Test – while also constantly taking the opportunity to hand out advice to the youngsters with dreams of becoming rugby league professionals. Many of the pupils, like Marshall, are eligible to play for New Zealand in the future and he urged them to remember their heritage.

After signing autographs, posing for photos and doing a media call the Kiwi group went to the team's first full-scale training session ahead of the Test.



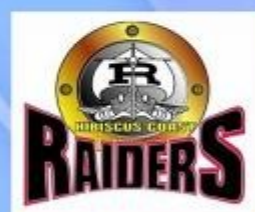
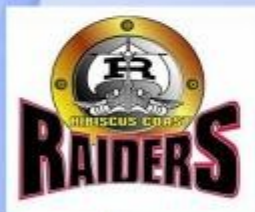


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In this photo, Benji Marshall, Kiwis captain, shows off his new Kiwi dog tags, which he received at the NZRL awards in Wellington in October last year.

Write a caption to go with this photo and send it to philippa@nzrl.co.nz to be in to win an NZRL prize pack.

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Hint: Names run forward, backwards, up, down and on the angle in all directions.

ANSWERS - BRAIN TEASERS

- Q1:** You are racing two other players for the ball, just before the try line you pass the player who is in second place, where do you finish in the race for the ball?
A: *Second, there is still one other player in front of you.*
- Q2:** I don't have any special powers but I can predict the score of any league game before it begins. How can I do this?
A: *The score is always nil all before the game begins, easy to predict!*
- Q3:** What are the next three letter in the following sequence? J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, __, __, __
A: *S, O, N - first initial of the next three months in the year.*
- Q4:** Jimmy's mother had four children, she named the first Monday, named the second Tuesday. The third is named Wednesday, what is the name of the fourth child?
A: *Jimmy, as in "Jimmy's mother had four children."*
- Q5:** Which is heavier, a kg of referee whistles or a kg of touchies flags?
A: *Both weigh the same, a kilo (kg).*
- Q6:** I have no feet but I can run. I give you health and give you fun! What am I?
A: *Water, vital for health and life.*

ANSWERS - KIWIS FACES. Did you work out whose faces made up these handsome fellows ?



Top: Adam Blair

Middle:

Bottom: Issac Luke



Sika Manu

Sam McKendry



Lance Hohaia

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Top: Benji Marshall

Middle: Junior Sau

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NZRL National Competition	Nationwide	27 August - 16 October
Kiwis v Australia	Newcastle, Australia	16 October
Four Nations 2011	UK	29 October - 19 Nov